

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re The Application of:  
Thomas Edsall

Serial No.: 10/840,212  
Patent No. 7,200,145

Filed: May 5, 2004

For: PRIVATE VLANS

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)**  
**AND ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER MPEP**  
**1481.03(II)(B)(c)**

The Director is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 in U.S. Patent No. 7,200,145, and issue the Certificate of Correction filed herewith, pursuant to MPEP 1481.03(II)(B)(c), to supply an explicit reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,741,592 in the first sentence(s) of the specification as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(iii) and 35 U.S.C. §120, where such reference was only supplied elsewhere in the application.

**Relevant Rules**

Among other relevant statutes and rules, Patent Owner notes that 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)(iii) states (emphasis added):

If the later-filed application is a nonprovisional application, the reference required by this paragraph must be included in an application data sheet (§ 1.76), or the specification must contain or be amended to contain such reference in the first sentence(s) following the title.

### **Statement of Facts**

Patent Owner respectfully presents the following relevant facts to the Director. For ease of discussion here, Patent Owner's patent applications are referenced as follows:

"PARENT" = Application Ser. No. 09/575,774, now U.S. Patent No. 6,741,592;  
and

"CHILD" = Application Ser. No. 10/840,212, now U.S. Patent No. 7,200,145 (the patent which is the subject of this petition);

1. CHILD is filed on May 5, 2004 while PARENT is copending. The Utility Patent Application Transmittal expressly indicated that CHILD was a continuation of PARENT. *See* Exhibit A. Further, CHILD was filed with a copy of the Declaration of PARENT under 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)..
2. The USPTO issued a Filing Receipt indicating under the heading "Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant" that "This application is a CON of 09/575,774 05/22/2000 PAT 6,741,592." *See* Exhibit B.
3. The CHILD issued without reference to PARENT on its face (i.e. at item 63).
4. A Request for Certificate of Correction was filed requesting a correction to indicate that CHILD is a continuation of PARENT be listed on the face of CHILD (i.e. at item 63). *See* Exhibit C.
5. A Certificate of Correction was issued correcting the face of CHILD (i.e. at item 63) to indicate that CHILD is a continuation of PARENT. *See* Exhibit D.

6. During a portfolio review, it was recently noticed that PARENT was not referenced in the first paragraph of the specification as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)(iii). The oversight was investigated, and this Petition was prepared and filed.

**Remarks**

Patent Owner respectfully urges that granting this petition is proper. The Certificate of Correction filed herewith corrects an unintentional oversight made by Patent Owner in not including an explicit reference to PARENT in the first sentence(s) of the specification as required by C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(iii). However, the priority claim to PARENT was made in other application papers, and was recognized by the Office, despite its absence from the first sentence(s) of the specification. As such, entry of the Certificate of Correction filed herewith should not be considered new matter nor otherwise require reexamination or reissue.

As set forth above in the Statement of Facts, the Utility Patent Application Transmittal filed with CHILD explicitly indicated that CHILD is a continuation of PARENT. *See* Exhibit A. The Office recognized this priority claim and indicated on the Filing Receipt of June 12, 2004 that CHILD is a continuation of PARENT. *See* Exhibit B. Further, the Director has already granted a previous Certificate of Correction to correct the face of CHILD to indicate, at item 63, that CHILD is a continuation of PARENT. *See* Exhibit D.

The Certificate of Correction filed herewith merely seeks to have the first sentence of the specification of CHILD corrected to reflect the priority claim already indicated on the Utility Patent Application Transmittal filed with CHILD, on the Filing Receipt of June 12, 2004 issued for CHILD, and on the face of CHILD, at item 63. Patent Owner respectfully urges that the omission of an explicit reference to PARENT in the first sentence(s) of the specification of CHILD as required by C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(iii) was due to an inadvertent oversight and absent any bad faith intent. Further, the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. A statement by an attorney of record in CHILD and PARENT indicating that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37

C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional is attached herewith as Exhibit E.

This petition meets the three conditions required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) and MPEP 1481.03(II)(B)(c) and therefore should be granted. Specifically,

(I) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §120 and 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) to the prior-filed application has been submitted, i.e., herewith in the accompanying Certificate of Correction,

(II) the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t) has been paid herewith, and

(III) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional has been filed herewith.

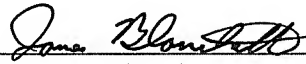
Patent Owner respectfully urges that the three (3) required conditions are satisfied and, therefore, a Certificate of Correction may be properly granted to correct the patent to supply an explicit reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,741,592 in the first sentence(s) of the specification as required by as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(iii).

**Relief Requested**

For the reasons above, therefore, it is requested that the Director grant this Petition to accept the unintentionally delayed claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 and to issue the Certificate of Correction filed herewith to supply the explicit reference in the first paragraph of the specification required by as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(iii) and 35 U.S.C. §120.

Please charge: (a) the Petition Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 in the amount of \$1,410.00; and (b) any additional fees occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## **EXHIBIT A**

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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 112025-0199C1

First Inventor Thomas Edsall et al.

Title PRIVATE VLANS

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 38]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the invention
  - Brief Summary of the invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 8]
5. ☐ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No: 09 / 575,774

Prior application information: Examiner Nguyen, Toan D.

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For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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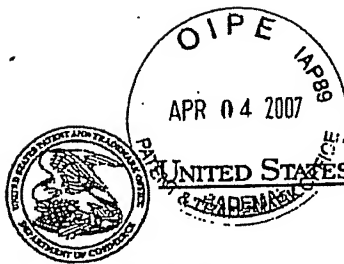
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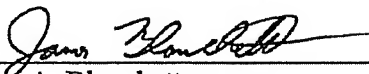
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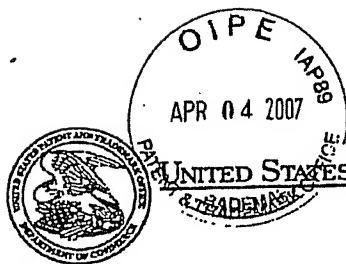


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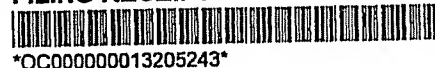
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PATENT NO. : 7,200,145 B1  
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**STATEMENT OF UNINTENTIONAL DELAY**

Patent Owner's undersigned Attorney, a registered patent attorney of record, hereby states that the entire delay in explicitly setting forth the priority claim required by 35 U.S.C. 120 in the first sentence(s) of the specification of Application Serial No. 10/840,212, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,200,145, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(iii), from its filing date of May 5, 2004 until the filing of the Petition filed on even date herewith, was unintentional.

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